

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Sebastian Böhm, *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/027,484

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For: MICROFLUIDIC SYSTEM INCLUDING A
VIRTUAL WALL FLUID INTERFACE PORT FOR
INTERFACING FLUIDS WITH THE
MICROFLUIDIC SYSTEM

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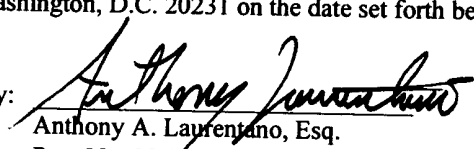
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PETITION REQUESTING GRANT OF ORIGINAL FILING DATE
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.53(e)(2)

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a duplicate copy of the figures, transmittal letter, stamped postcard receipt, and copies of the express mail labels for the above-identified patent application, filed on December 21, 2001. The Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, erroneously notes that Figures 20a-c and 21a-c have been omitted from the application. The

aforementioned filing date should be granted, as the Figures 20a-c and 21a-c were submitted as part of the application on the aforementioned date.

In support of their request, Applicants attach hereto copies of the following documents as evidence that Figures 20a-c and 21a-c were included in the above-referenced application on the actual filing date of December 21, 2001:

- (1) a true copy of the 14 sheets of drawings filed with the instant Application on December 21, 2001, showing Figures 20a-c and 21a-c on sheet number 14;
- (2) a true copy of the Application Transmittal Letter dated **December 21, 2001**, made prior to deposit of the application with the United States Postal Service, describing the papers which constituted the application filing package, and bearing a Rule 10 certification of Express Mailing (Express Mail Label No. **EL 892 198 604 US**) indicating that the application filing package was deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" on **December 21, 2001** by Larry Taylor;
- (3) a true copy of the stamped return postcard, which indicates that all items listed on the postcard were received by the U.S. Patent Office;
- (4) a true copy of Express Mail Label No. **EL 892 198 604 US** made prior to deposit of the application with the United States Postal Service;
- (5) a true copy of the "Express Mail" mailing label No. **EL 892 198 604 US**, bearing the "date in" of **December 21, 2001** and also bearing the official United States Postal Service/**BOSTON, MA 02205** date stamp of **December 21, 2001** in the upper right-hand corner of the Express Mail label, indicating that the application package was in fact deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" on **December 21, 2001**.


Therefore, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.53(e)(2), Applicants hereby promptly submit the aforementioned items (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) which establish that Figures 20a-c and 21a-c were filed with the application on December 21, 2001.

In summary, Applicants respectfully request that the present Petition be granted and that the filing date of the enclosed patent application be December 21, 2001.

If necessary, please charge the petition fee of \$130.00 to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate of this document is enclosed.

Please contact the undersigned at 671-227-7400 with any questions.

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